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Message from the Honourable Michel Dupuy on the occasion of Canada's Parks Day

OTTAWA, July 13, 1995 - "I would like to invite every Canadian to celebrate Canada's Parks Day this Saturday, July 15. As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I am pleased to see the widespread participation of our national parks and national historic sites in this year's Parks Day activities. Parks Day is a time to appreciate our natural and cultural heritage. It highlights co-operation within the entire parks community - municipal, provincial, territorial and national.

Special events are planned at parks and historic sites throughout the country. Our national parks are indeed our national treasures and this year, Parks Day will help celebrate the heritage of Canada's national parks themselves. La Mauricie National Park in Quebec observes its 25th anniversary and will be host to the presentation of our Parks Canada Awards. Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta proudly celebrates a milestone with its centennial.

My congratulations to the Federal Provincial Parks Council - a forum of federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions, established to encourage the protection, appreciation and recreational use of parks and historic sites systems in Canada - and the Canadian Parks Partnership - a national-wide alliance of "friends of" groups dedicated to the support and enhancement of Canada's parks and historic sites - for their continued hard work in the organization of Parks Day and in particular this year with the inauguration of "Take A Hike", an event designed to raise awareness and funds for Canada's parks and historic sites.

I take this opportunity to encourage Canadians to discover and support our natural and cultural heritage by taking part in and enjoying Canada's Parks Day."

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